

ISSUTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

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Description

TheInternational Space Station (ISS) includes over 25 internal laboratory sites and25 external platform sites to support U.S. research and development projects.The U.S. utilization program involves extensive coordination of U.S. users fromacademia, industry and government, as well as close liaison to the programs ofour international partners in Canada, Europe, Japan, and Russia. NASA isexamining Agency processes and functions for ISS utilization, including variousoptions for management of ISS research utilization (see pages 9 and 10 oftestimony at the internet website <http://legislative.nasa.gov/hearings/kicza5-9-02.pdf>). Options under review include ones with roles for a Non-GovernmentOrganization (NGO). However, the nature of any resulting acquisition has yet tobe determined.

This synopsisidentifies how to subscribe to email notices about NASA plans for ISSutilization management; and how to be listed on an internet website for partiesinterested in ISS utilization management. In addition, this synopsis providesinformation about a public meeting planned for July 11.

NASA has establisheda website at http://spaceresearch.nasa.gov/research_projects/ngo.htmlin order to provide information about plans for ISS utilization management.NASA will include on the internet a List of Parties Interested in ISSUtilization Management. If you would like to be listed, please email thefollowing information to dbeck@hq.nasa.gov

Name of point of contact Email address, if any Organization affiliation, if any Business size and type Website address, if any Mailing address Telephone number(s)

Listed below are the steps that you may follow in order to subscribe to email notices regarding the status of NASA plans for ISS utilization management.

A. Using the internet, visit the NASA Acquisition Internet Site (NAIS) at <http://procurement.nasa.gov/> and click on "Email Notification" at the top of the page.

B. At the Email Notification page <http://naiss.msfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/nens/index.cgi>, first time users will need to create a user profile by following the instructions on the page and by clicking on "Create User Profile" at the top left corner.

C. After having created a user profile, click on "Create Subscription" at the top center of the page. Follow the instructions for entering an email address, then continue to Step 2. At Step 2, select "Track a Specific Acquisition" and continue to Step 3. At Step 3, enter the following number: RFP10-07206-215 which is planned for use with this acquisition. Follow the additional instructions for activating your subscription. This will include responding to an email notification that is used to activate the subscription.

NASA is planning a public meeting on ISS utilization management, on July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 2080 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, telephone number (321) 783-9222. In order to give us an idea of the number of people who will attend, please send to the point of contact listed below the name of the person who plans to attend, organizational affiliation, and contact information (e.g., phone number or email address). Receipt of this information by July 2 would be appreciated.

The purpose of the public meeting will be to discuss how the organization that manages ISS utilization can assist users. ISS users, as well as persons interested in any acquisition resulting from this effort, are invited to present their views before and during the meeting.

Below are some preliminary questions: 1. To what extent should an ISS utilization management organization be responsible for evaluating and prioritizing proposals for research, technology development, and commercial development to be performed aboard the ISS? 2. To what extent should an ISS utilization management organization provide a capability for developing instrumentation and other hardware, and furnishing supplies, necessary for research, technology development, and commercial development to be performed aboard the ISS? 3. To what extent should an ISS utilization management organization provide planning and support for samples and specimens (both living and non-living; reactive and inert) to be used in research, technology development, and commercial development aboard the ISS? 4. To what extent should an ISS utilization management organization be responsible for allocating ISS resources (laboratory space, electricity, crew time, etc.) to individual projects for research, technology development, and commercial development to be performed aboard the ISS? 5. What are some of the differences that should be considered in

managing research, technology development, and commercial development aboard the ISS? 6. What other types of planning or support should an ISS utilization management organization conduct for research, technology development, and commercial development aboard the ISS? 7. How should NASA ensure that the ISS utilization management organization is accountable to the ISS user community, and the general public, in its performance? 8. What limitations should NASA impose on activities of the ISS utilization management organization?

Send comments in response to these questions to the point of contact listed below. At the public meeting, NASA will use, without attribution, many of the submitted comments in order to facilitate discussion. NASA will also summarize the comments and post them to the internet.

In the meantime, parties interested in ISS utilization management, who would like to meet with NASA officials before or after the public meeting, should contact the point of contact listed below.

This synopsis is for information and planning purposes and is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government, nor will the Government pay for information solicited. The solicitation does not currently exist; therefore, please do not request a copy of the solicitation at this time. If a solicitation is released it will be synopsisized in FedBizOpps (<http://www.epi.gov/spg/>) and on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (<http://procurement.nasa.gov/>). It is the potential offerors' responsibility to monitor these sites for the release of any solicitation or synopsis.

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